GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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Punctuality of Trains
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the trains are running in the country on time;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to improve the commutable condition of ordinary coaches and ordinary passenger trains?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)
(a) to (c) On Indian Railways, long distance Mail/Express trains are considered to have arrived punctually when they reach their destination/terminating point on right time or upto 15 minutes late. Indian Railways achieved punctuality of 78% for Mail/Express trains on terminating basis during 01.04.2015 to 30.11.2015.
Trains get delayed on Indian Railways owing to capacity constraints on account of increasing passenger and freight traffic, accidents, planned blocks for executing capacity enhancement works & construction of low height subways, ROBs, RUBs, etc. as well as due to factors not in control of the Railways, such as adverse weather conditions (fog, rains, breaches), intermittent natural calamities such as floods, cyclones, heavy rains, heavy road traffic at level crossing gates across the Indian Railways network, multi faceted law and order problems, including public agitations and bandh calls in left wing extremism affected and other areas, miscreant activities such as theft of Railway assets, mid-section run over cases involving cattle and humans, etc.
(d) To improve commutable condition of ordinary coaches and ordinary passenger trains, following steps have been taken:
- Provision of cushioned seats and berths in second class sitting coaches.
-Introduction of Linke Hofnamm Busch type second class coaches in Mail and Express trains.
-Introduction of separate compartment for persons with Disability in second class-cum-luggage-cum-guard van coach (SLRD).
-Introduction of toilet facility in new manufacture DEMU (Diesel Electrical Multiple Unit) and MEMU (Mainline Electric Multiple Unit) trains.
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